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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE CALL ON PRESIDENT RATSIRAKA

REFS: (A) ANTANANARIVO 1068, (B) ANTANANARIVO 1069, (C)

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1. IT WAS MY IMPRESSION ON JUNE 7, NOW STRENGTHENED BY PRESS ACCOUNT OF MY MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER (PM), THAT THE PM WAS EXPECTING, EVEN HOPING, THAT I WOULD DISCUSS SPECIFIC BILATERAL PROBLEMS WITH HIM, NAMELY NASA SETTLEMENT. I DELIVERATELY DID NOT DO SO AS (A) DISCUSSION OF NASA ISSUE HAD BEEN HELD ONLY WITH PRESIDENCY IN THE PAST, (B) IT IS UP TO DRM (DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF MADAGASCAR) TO RESPOND TO OUR LATEST STATEMENT OF POSITION ON THIS ISSUE CONVEYED APRIL 13 (REF C), AND (C) IT IS OUR POSITION THAT DETERIORATION OF RELATIONS WAS DUE TO DRM ACTIONS AND IT IS THEREFORE UP TO DRM TO AKE INITIATIVE TO IMPROVE THEM.

2. IN MY EXPECTED FORTHCOMING MEETING WITH PRESIDENT RATSIRAKA, I WILL TELL HIM, EVEN IF HE DOES NOT RAISE THE SUBJECT, THAT SINCE NASA ISSUE IS OUTSTANDING PROBLEM BETWEEN US A SETTLEMENT WOULD HAVE A BENEFICIAL EFFECT ON OUR RELATIONS AND THAT WE ARE AWAITING A DRM REPLY TO
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OUR LATEST ORAL COMMUNICATON (REF C). IF APPROPRIATE OCCASION ARISES, I WILL ALSO MAKE POINT (C) ABOVE, ADDING THATWE ARE PREPARED TO COOPERATE IN ANY ENDEAVOUR TO IMPROVE RELATIONS.

3. IF THE PRESIDENT SHOULD ASK WHETHER A NASA SETTLEMENT ALONE WOULD BE SUFFICIENT FOR NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS,

I.E., THE APPOINTMENT OF A US AMBASSADOR, I WILL REPLY
THAT WHILE I CANNOT REPLY SPECIFICALLY TO HIS QUESTION.
I COULD SAY THAT SUCH A SETTLEMENT WOULD BE AT LEAST A
GOOD START AND AN ESSENTIAL FIRST STEP TOWARD NORMALIZATION.

4. IF THE PRESIDENT SHOULD RAISE OTHER BILATERAL
PROBLEMS, OR IF IT APPEARS APPROPRIATE IN THE LIGHT OF
OUR CONVERSATION, I WILL ALSO SAY THAT A MORE LIBERAL VISA
POLICY TOWARD AMERICAS, A RAPID RESOLUTION OF THE LAPPEMAN
CASE, AND EVENTUAL PROGRESS TOWARD COMPENSATION FOR
AMERICAN OIL COMPANIES WOULD BE TAKEN AS INDICATIONS OF
SINCERITY IN THE DRM'S PROFESSED DESIRE FOR BETTER
RELATIONS WITH THE US.

5. IF THE DEPARTMENT HAS ANY OBJECTIONS TO THIS APPROACH,
REQUEST IMMEDIATE REPLY AS MY APPOINTMENT MAY BE SET
UP ON SHORT NOTICE. BARRETT

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